



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 24), YEAR A

Service of Holy Eucharist

October 22, 2017 10 A.M.

If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! After the service, please come to Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the 2nd floor) for food and fellowship. Though other churches make the claim, ours really is the Best Coffee Hour in Connecticut. Please consider filling out a blue visitor information card (found in your pew rack). You can request a name tag using the form in the pew rack or the sheet at the entrance. Next Sunday your new name tag will be waiting for you on the table in the foyer inside the main church entrance.

To follow along with the service all you need is this service bulletin.

Families with small children: Three seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the areas in front of the two front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Education for all ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. on most Sundays during the academic year.

Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and St. Thomas's website. Sunday bulletins are posted on the website's Bulletin Archive. We aim to reduce printing by encouraging worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the order of service.

Restrooms for men and women are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

For the celebration of Holy Eucharist, the People gather around the altar. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion at our common table.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. There are usually two communion stations, one at each front corner of the altar. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the single server at the center of the altar. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion hold out your hands, and the server will place bread in them. If you wish to receive wine, please sip it from the common cup, using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips.

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ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

Today the choir will be singing a full mass setting, Mozart's *Mass in C*, also known as the "Coronation Mass," composed in 1779. One of Mozart's best-known masses, it was later performed at the coronation of Leopold II as King of Bohemia in 1791, hence its popular title. This mass setting is full of exuberance and celebration. Its musical scope lies in between that of the *missa brevis* (short mass) and the *missa solemnis* (solemn mass, on a larger, more festal scale). Of particular note is the joyful and optimistic setting of the text at the end of the Agnus Dei, 'Dona nobis pacem' (give us peace), a common practice in the Classical period. The main theme of the Agnus Dei, and that used at 'Dona nobis pacem,' are almost identical to those found in Mozart's 1790 opera, *Così fan tutte*, but, of course, with different text. The choir will be offering a full sung mass once per liturgical season throughout the year. The next one will be Hassler's *Missa dixit Maria* during Advent. Each mass will demonstrate a contrasting period and style, facilitating some interesting comparisons in the way composers deal with the texts throughout the centuries.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G major, Op. 37 no. 2
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

INTROIT

*Ne irascaris Domine satis,
et ne ultra memineris iniquitatis nostrae.
Ecce respice populus tuus omnes nos.*

Be not angry, O Lord,
and remember our iniquity no more.
Behold, we are all your people.

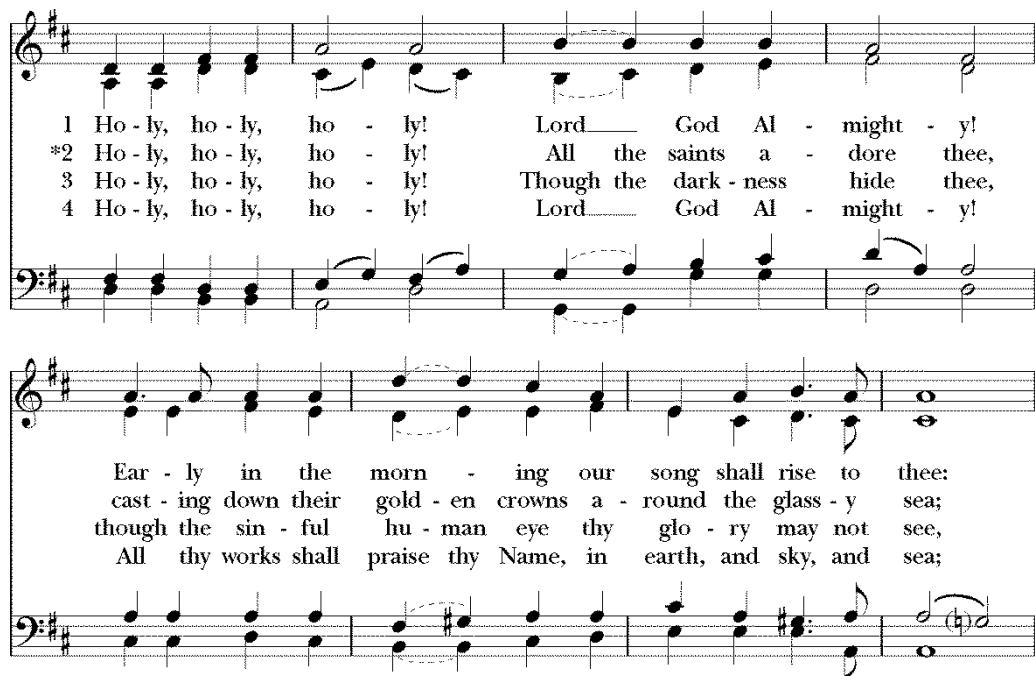
Ne irascaris, Domine

Words: Isaiah 64:9; Music: William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 362: Holy, holy, *The Hymnal 1982*



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
 on - ly thou art ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 there is none be - side thee,
 Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.; Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Presider and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*sung by the choir*)

Glória in excélsis deo
Et in terra pax homínibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudámus te,
Benedicimus te,
Adorámus te,
Glorificámus te,
Grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam,
Dómine deus, rex cælestis,
Deus pater omnípotens.
Dómine fili unigénite, jesu christe,
Dómine deus, agnus dei, filius patris,
Qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis;
Qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem
nostram.
Qui sedes ad déxteram patris, miserére nobis.

Mass in C major: "Coronation Mass", K. 317

Glory to God in the highest
 And peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 Almighty God and Father,
 We worship you, we give you thanks,
 We praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world:
 Have mercy on us;
 You are seated at the right hand of the
 Father:
 Receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 You alone are the Lord,

*Quóniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus dóminus, tu
solus altíssimus,
Jesu christe, cum sancto spíritu: in glória dei patris.
Amen.*

You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Music: W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 (*sung by the choir*)

Dominus regnabit

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

SECOND LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 685: Rock of ages, cleft for me, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt.; Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:15-22

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider and People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Priest

The season of harvest is a visible demonstration of God's abundant generosity. In gratitude for the multitude of gifts that we have received, let us seek God's blessings for the church and for the world, responding to "Gracious God," with "hear our prayer."

Intercessor

Bless Christ's holy church. Help those who minister in Jesus's name follow the path of true discipleship. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the leaders of nations around the world. Help them to be steadfast in the pursuit of peace. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who advocate for systemic change, especially those addressing issues of racial justice. Help heal our nation's wounds as it learns to uphold all people. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the fruits of the harvest. Help humans steward your creation for the generations to come. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless us with gifts for ministry and discernment to recognize them. Help us to offer those gifts as blessings to others. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the hungry, the homeless, and the sick. Help them to be strong, and help us to be compassionate. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the communion of saints, the living and the dead. Help us to glean from them the inspiration to seek and serve you. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the prayerful intentions that we now offer before you, either silently or aloud.

Presider

Gracious God, humbly and confidently we turn to you, the source of all blessings; hear our prayers, offered through your redeeming Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFSSION OF SIN

Priest

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [*Silence is kept.*]

Priest and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements. After the announcements, the People remain seated for the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Verleih uns Frieden

*Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,
der für uns könnte streiten,
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.*

In these our days so perilous,
Lord, peace in mercy send us;
No God but thee can fight for us,
No God but thee defend us;
Thou our only God and Savior.

Words: Votive antiphon for peace, *Da pacem, Domine*, trans. Martin Luther (1483-1546); Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Ushers carry the gifts forward. The People follow and encircle the altar. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. Small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If you are unable to stand, you may sit in one of the chairs arranged near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain where you are.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymn 665: All my hope on God is founded, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 *4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
 4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth

1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.; after Joachim Neander (1650-1680);

Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*sung by the choir*) Mass in C major: “Coronation Mass”, K. 317

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Music: W. A. Mozart (1759-1791)

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Thomas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

S-155, *The Hymnal 1982*

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis
pacem.*

Agnus Dei (from "Coronation Mass")

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Music: W. A. Mozart (1759-1791)

After all have received communion, the people remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN Hymn 348: Lord, we have come at your own invitation, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion
 3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,
 4 So, in the world where each du - ty as - signed us

cho - sen by you, to be coun - ted as friends:
 ev - er to cher - ish the gifts you pro - vide;
 vows are re - newed, and our cour - age re - stored:
 gives us the chance to cre - ate or des - troy,

yours is the strength that sus - tains our vo - ca - tion,
 teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
 may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing
 help us to make those de - ci - sions that bind us,

ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
 led by your Spi - rit, de - fend - er and guide.
 all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.
 Lord, to your - self, in o - be - dience and joy.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), rev;

Music: *O quanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Historical Edition*, 1909

DISMISSAL

Priest: [*A priest dismisses the people.*]

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G major, Op. 37 no. 2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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A special “Thank you!” to guest Forum leader and preacher the Rev. Harlon Dalton.

This Coming Tuesday, October 24, at 12:30 p.m.: Lunchtime Concert featuring Members of Schola Antigua. The tenors and basses of Schola Antiqua will sing the Lunchtime Concert in a performance featuring Renaissance music from England and Continental Europe, as well as some lighter a cappella items in the barbershop style! Please come along if you can, for what promises to be an enjoyable concert. A freewill offering will be taken to help support the choir’s Residency at Wells Cathedral next summer.

Sunday Forum Next Sunday, October 29 – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: CULTIVATING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE. Our Stewardship Team will help us ask: What are we grateful for? How do we give thanks? What does it mean to set aside the first fruits of the harvest in a post-agrarian world?

Next Sunday, October 29: The Blessing of the Trick-or-Treaters. Children: next Sunday, please wear your Halloween costumes to church! (Okay, adults can wear theirs, too.) During the announcements we will bless the trick-or-treaters, praying for a fun and safe Halloween night.

IRIS Winter Clothing Drive. IRIS is collecting coats, hats, gloves, scarves, & boots for members of refugee families. They are especially in need of boots (all children's sizes and men's sizes 6-10.) Items may be new or gently used and cleaned. St. Thomas's will have a collection box—look for more information to come.

Parish Potluck, November 3, 6 p.m. All are invited! Even our youth have been talking about missing our previous parish socials, so let's get started! There is no program planned—just social time, with perhaps some conversation about future social opportunities.

Comic Relief: WOW! Last Thursday's Comic Relief event drew several hundred attendees and raised over \$25,000 for the Immigrant Bail Fund! What an amazing—and fun!—outpouring of interfaith cooperation!

New Finance Committee Chair: Jen Fournier. At Monday's Vestry meeting, the Vestry approved Keri's appointment of Jen Fournier as the new Chair of the Finance Committee. Thank you, Jen, for serving!

FALL COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE. The coffee hour schedule through December 17 was included in Wednesday's Enews. If you cannot serve on the week for which you have been scheduled, please switch with someone else and let Julie Kelly know of any changes. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

Nominations are now being accepted for Vestry members and treasurer. Remember, elections are held at the January annual parish meeting. To make a nomination, or to ask questions, contact Joann Sweasy (joann.sweasy@yale.edu).

The Parish Directory is available on the St. Thomas's Website! On the Home page, go to the "Quick Links" section. Click **Parish Directory**, and a Word document will download—but you need a password to open it. Get the password from a staffer, clergyperson, warden, or vestry member.

Coming Up for All Saints' Sunday, November 5:

- **Names of the Dead.** During our All Saints' Sunday worship, we will read aloud the names of the dead. To put your loved ones on the list, use the sheet on the bulletin board outside Keri's office or email Keri.
- **Mementos.** Please bring mementos (photos or other objects) of your departed loved ones. Before the service, place your mementos on the designated table near the altar. It will be a great reminder of the “great cloud of witnesses” that is always with us at communion.
- **Baptism.** During the service, we will baptize Gabriel Luke Thomas-Rubenstein.

For more information and announcements, see Wednesday's Weekly Parish Enews.

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson
Preacher: The Rev. Harlon Dalton
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Organist and Choir Director: Simon Jacobs
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dunlap
Crucifer: Christopher Martinez
Torchbearers: Ricardo Chavira, Sara Misgen
Lectors: Susan Fernandez, Don Edwards
Intercessor: Daniel Harrison
Vestry Host: Kevin Johnson
Sacristans: Joan Hogan, Bill & Sally Nanfeldt
Ushers/Greeters: Gary Robison, Mary Ann Nelson
Coffee Hour Hosts: Joan Hogan & Diane Robertson, Ruth Anderson & Carlotta Mayo, Susan Parke

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Dorothy, Greg, Katie, Lee, Luann, Marilyn, Matthew, Parke, Sophia

Pray for those who have died.

In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Diane Schultz, Claire Scully, Peter, Brian, Kathryn, Carolyn Sharp, Leo Lensing, Dinah, Jacob

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Emmanuel, Weston; Diocesan Episcopal Church Women Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds

Thanksgiving for the Harvest (BCP, p. 840): Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We yield thee hearty thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

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Jennifer Regan
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The Rev. Dexter Cheney
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan
The Rev. Julie Kelsey
The Rev. Bill Loutrel
The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp
The Rev. Lee McGee Street
The Rev. Dr. Parke Street
The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

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